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SUBJECT: FRENCH ACTIVITIES IN JOINT COMMISSIONS WITH
EAST EUROPEAN COUNTRIES

REF: A) PARIS A-823 OF DECEMBER 4, 1973; B) STATE 80183

1. REPAIR CONTAINS EXTENSIVE REPORTING ON OVERALL STRUCTURE AND OPERATION OF FRANCO-SOVIET COMMISSIONS IN SCIENTIFIC-TECHNICAL FIELDS.

2. FOLLOWING DATA ARE APPLICABLE TO FRENCH JOINT COMMISSIONS WITH POLAND, HUNGARY AND BULGARIA (FRANCO-ROMANIAN JOINT COMMISSIONS ARE A SPECIAL CASE AND ARE TREATED SEPARATELY BELOW); FOR EACH OF THE THREE COUNTRIES NAMED A CULTURAL, SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL ACCORD AND A SCIENTIFIC AND TECHNICAL COOPERATION
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AGREEMENT PROVIDE THE AUTHORITY FOR THE CREATION OF A

JOINT "GOVERNMENTAL COMMISSION" (COMMISSION GOUVERNE-
MENTALE), PRESIDED OVER BY THE TWO MINISTERS OF
FINANCE CONCERNED. THIS LARGE COMMISSION MEETS
ONCE EVERY TWO YEARS TO PROVIDE OVERALL POLICY GUIDANCE
TO THE

- A) ECONOMICS COMMISSION, AND
- B) SCIENCE COMMISSION.

3. THE ECONOMICS COMMISSION: PRESIDED OVER BY AN
OFFICIAL OF THE INTERNATIONAL OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF
ECONOMICS AND FINANCE. THE ECONOMIC COMMISSION PROVIDES
THE APPARATUS INTO WHICH JOINT WORKING GROUPS WITH
THESE THREE COUNTRIES ARE FITTED. FORMALLY CALLED THE
GROUPE MIXTES DE TRAVAIL, WORKING GROUPS ARE USUALLY
HEADED BY AN OFFICIAL OF THE MINISTRY OF INDUSTRIAL
DEVELOPMENT AND INCLUDE REPRESENTATIVES FROM VARIOUS
INDUSTRIAL UNITS (INCLUDING TRADE ASSOCIATIONS) AS WELL
AS TECHNICAL SPECIALISTS FROM VARIOUS GOVERNMENT
INSTALLATIONS.

4. SCIENCE COMMISSION (FORMALLY, THE COMMISSION MIXTE
CULTURELLE SCIENTIFIQUE ET TECHNIQUE): UNDER THE
CHAIRMANSHIP OF A REPRESENTATIVE OF THE QUAI D'ORSAY THIS
"SUBCOMMISSION" IS SPLIT INTO TWO WORKING GROUPS ARRANGED
ON FUNCTIONAL RATHER THAN TECHNICAL JURISDICTIONS. THE
FIRST OF THESE IS THE CULTURAL GROUP AND THE SECOND THE
SCIENTIFIC GROUP IN WHICH AGAIN THE FOREIGN MINISTRY
HAS THE CHAIRMANSHIP. THE SCIENTIFIC GROUP IS
COMPOSED OF REPRESENTATIVES ON THE FRENCH SIDE, OF THE
CENTRE NATIONAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE (C.N.R.S.),
THE DELEGATION GENERAL DE LA RECHERCHE SCIENTIFIQUE ET
TECHNIQUE (D.G.R.S.T.) AND THE INTERNATIONAL AFFAIRS
OFFICE OF THE MINISTRY OF ECONOMICS AND FINANCE. THIS
BODY HAS COMPETENCE TO SET WORK PRIORITIES WITHIN THE

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BUDGETARY LIMITS FIXED FOR IT BY THE COMMISSION MIXTE
CULTURELLE, SCIENTIFIQUE ET TECHNIQUE AND THE COMMISSION
GOUVERNEMENTALE.

5. RUMANIA: THE RUMANIAN COOPERATION AGREEMENT CALLS
FOR A "GRANDE COMMISSION" SIMILAR TO THAT REPORTED IN
REFAIR FOR FRANCO-SOVIET COOPERATION. IN DETAIL AND
COMPETENCE THE FORMAL ORGANIZATION OF FRANCO-RUMANIAN
COOPERATION FOLLOWS THE MODEL SET BY THE FRANCO-SOVIET
SYSTEM.

6. COMMENT. WITH THE EXCEPTION OF THE FRANCO-POLISH
COOPERATION AGREEMENT, THE SENIOR OFFICIAL OF THE
QUAI CHARGED WITH ADMINISTERING THE COOPERATION
AGREEMENTS COMMENTED THAT VERY LITTLE VALUABLE SCIENTI-
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FIC WORK WAS BEING DONE. THE COMMISSIONS DO NOT DISCUSS
MANAGEMENT ISSUES AND THEIR COMPETENCE IS UNIVERSALLY
LIMITED TO PREVIOUSLY FIXED BUDGETARY LIMITS. NO
RELATIONSHIP EXISTS BETWEEN INDUSTRY WORKING GROUPS
ESTABLISHED WITHIN THE COMMISSIONS AND CHAMBERS OF
COMMERCE. NO STRUCTURAL RELATIONSHIP EXISTS BETWEEN
INDUSTRY GROUPS WORKING OUTSIDE OF THE COMMISSION AND
THE COMMISSIONS THEMSELVES. END COMMENT.

7. ORGANIZATION CHART FOR FRANCO-EASTERN EUROPEAN
COOPERATION PREPARED BY SENIOR FONOFF OFFICIAL BEING
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